

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2173

In the Matter of :
US National Phase Entry :
Under 35 USC 371 from :
International Application of :
Pettifer et al., :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/17532 : Group Art Unit : N/A
Filed on June 26, 2000 : Examiner : N/A

For Detergent Compositions or Components :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

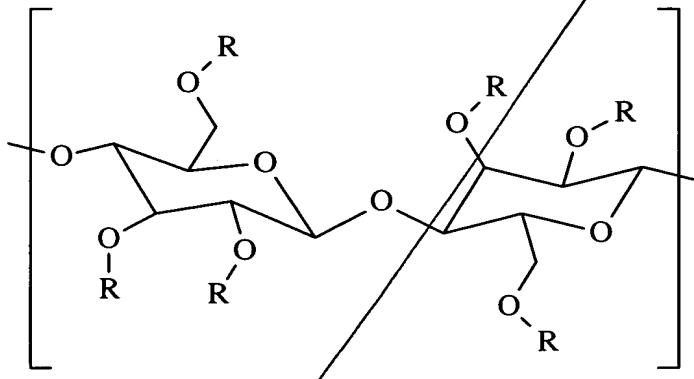
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-9 and replace with the new claims 10-18 below.

10. A detergent composition or component comprising a particulate hydrophobically modified cellulosic material, wherein at least 80%, by weight has a particle size of below 1000 microns.

11. A detergent composition or component according to claim 10 wherein at least 80% of the hydrophobically modified cellulosic material has a particle size of below 850 microns.

12. A detergent composition or component according to claim 10 wherein the hydrophobically modified cellulosic material comprises polymers of the formula



wherein each R is selected from the group consisting of R₂, R_C, and